Mark 13:3-13 (NIV)
Jesus Talks about the Signs of End of Times

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3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James,
John and Andrew asked him privately, **4** "Tell us, when will these things happen?
And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

5 Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. **6** Many will come in my
name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. **7** When you hear of wars and
rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to
come. **8** Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will
be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth
pains.

9 "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and
flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and
kings as witnesses to them. **10** And the gospel must first be preached to all
nations. **11** Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand
about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you
speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

12 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel
against their parents and have them put to death. **13** Everyone will hate you because
of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Message:

Much of what our Lord and Savior described, is happening today. False prophets and corrupt preachers deceive many as they claim that they speak in the name of Christ. There is no end to misinformation about Christ and misinterpretation of God's word, being spread over the world wide web. Families are divided by family members who are believers and family members who are not believers. War, genocide, and oppression has become all too common. War is big business. Anyone who is engaged in Evangelism feels the hatred and fear of those who are threatened by and reject the Word of God. The misconceptions about Jesus Christ seem insurmountable. Take heart. This all must take place, and by Jesus warning us about

these things, we are supremely confident that it is all part of God's plan. We must have complete unabated faith in his plan. We must continue to spread his Gospel to all nations.

"If you wish to know God, you must know his Word. If you wish to perceive His power, you must see how He works by his Word. If you wish to know His purpose before it comes to pass, you can only discover it by His Word."

– Charles Spurgeon

"To learn strong faith is to endure great trials. I have learned my faith by standing firm amid severe testings."

– George Mueller

"Faith is putting all your eggs in God's basket, then counting your blessings before they hatch."

– Ramona C. Carroll

"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance but laying hold of His willingness."

– Martin Luther

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